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LLOYD GEORGE IMPRESSES ON POINCARE U. S. PROGRAM FOR WORLD REBUILDING

British Premier Trying to Persuade French Leader to Follow America's Ideas.

MUST PREVENT ALL WAR.

British Believe in U. S. Plan, in Line With League of Nations' Efforts.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Copyright, 1922).—America's programme for world reconstruction has been outlined to the Governments of Europe. There are signs that Prime Minister Lloyd George, at least, is trying to persuade Premier Poincare to follow it. Instead of a world conference on economic affairs at Genoa, including a variety of subjects, the United States believes Europe should first solve its political problems and reduce its armies.

Here is the programme, which throws new light on the reasons why the Genoa Conference was postponed, and explains the latest development in Europe, where Prime Minister Lloyd George is reported as proposing a ten years' truce whereby land armies shall be reduced and a guarantee given of the political stability of Europe.

First, the United States Government wishes to help Europe but cannot entangle herself in Europe's political affairs. Upon political stability depends economic aid from America.

Second, the United States Government believes the programme of the Genoa Conference was too wide-sweeping and attempted too much. It believes a limited programme having for its object the political stability of Europe would have more chance of success. The Washington conference is pointed to as an example of what can be done when the field of discussion is narrowed and the problems are confined to a small group of powers directly interested instead of to the wide powers.

Third, the United States Government feels it has done its share in the limitation of naval armaments and guaranteeing the peace of the Pacific. Now let Europe tackle land armament and the political apprehensions that exist between France and Germany or England and France or Italy and France as the case may be.

The words of Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and the man whose vision and knowledge President Harding strongly relies on in economic matters, are the best explanation of what is going on inside the Administration here. His views have been

BRITISH PREMIER MEETS POINCARE TO PLAN A TRUCE

10 Years of Peace in Europe to Be Arranged Between All Nations.

BOULOGNE, Feb. 25 (Associated Press).—Conferences regarding the programme for the coming international financial conference at Genoa were begun here this afternoon between Premier Poincare of France and Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain. They met in the parlors of the Sub-Prefecture, the discussions being in strict privacy, the only other person present being M. Camerlynck, the French official interpreter.

Genoa is receiving less and less mention as the place for the International Conference, and the impression is gaining ground that the Premier may decide it undesirable to hold the meeting in Italy.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Plans for a ten years' truce in Europe to include all nations, it is reliably reported here, will be submitted by Premier Lloyd George to the conference at Genoa. This is in line with the announcement in the Paris Temps that the British Premier has in contemplation "a great plan" for the limitation of land armaments.

As outlined, an agreement will be sought under which all European nations will undertake to respect one another's boundaries for the term specified so that they may devote their entire energies to the work of rehabilitation. A reduction in the size of armies would necessarily be included and this would, of course, involve the saving of huge sums to taxpayers.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—It is believed here that Premier Lloyd George and Poincare will discuss Lord Escher's scheme for reduction of land armaments at their meeting at Boulogne. This plan just laid before the League of Nations Armament Commission would reduce France's army to 180,000 men.

**\$3.60 Sunday World
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PRINCESS MARY'S MANY BRIDAL GIFTS A DAZZLING ARRAY

Enough Jewelry for Bride-to-Be to Wear Different Piece Each Night of Season.

MANY GIVE HER MONEY.

Yorkshire Estate Also Included—Invited Guests Inspect Presents in Palace.

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Associated Press).—The spacious picture gallery in Buckingham Palace, which is as large as the grand ballroom of any New York hotel, presented a dazzling spectacle to a small party of invited guests who viewed a portion of the magnificent wedding presents that have been sent to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, who are to be married next week. The pre-wedding exhibition of the gifts had been planned to take place at St. James's Palace, where they were received until the death of Lady Feodora Gleichen there Wednesday morning, which necessitated the change.

Only the smaller and more portable presents have been transferred to Buckingham Palace, but they turned the great gallery into a hall of glittering splendor. Half an hour was the limit for the visitors, and this afforded them time for only a casual inspection of the wonderful display. From glass cases blazed diamonds, sapphires and emeralds, and there were pearls, gold and silver articles and priceless antiques, each distinctive in design and of studied elegance.

There was the threefold gift of King George—a tiara of diamonds and sapphires and a necklace and bracelet studded with similar stones. The monarch's gifts to his daughter occupied the central position of honor in the hall. Then there was to be seen a brooch sent by Queen Mary—one great sapphire encircled with diamonds. With this and the other jewelry displayed the Princess could go through an entire court season without having to wear any piece twice.

Another case held the gift of Viscount Lascelles to his bride-to-be—a corsage of sapphires and diamonds, in which one massive stone shone forth from the field of lesser brilliants. A cluster of diamonds is suspended from the corsage. It contains two large pearls. There also was a rivière of diamonds and a diamond pendant containing two

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ARCHBOLD ESTATE IN ENGLAND GIFT TO PRINCESS MARY

Foxlease Park to Be Used as Training Centre for Girl Guides.

LONDON, Feb. 25. In commemoration of the coming marriage of Princess Mary, Mrs. Anne Archbold Sanderson, daughter of the late John D. Archbold, has arranged to present to the Princess the Archbold residence at Foxlease Park, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, together with eighty acres of park land.

The estate will be used as a training centre for Girl Guide officers, Princess Mary being President of the organization.

"BLUEBEARD" LANDRU GOES TO GUILLOTINE UNFLINCHING FOR SLAYING 10 WOMEN AND BOY



PRESIDENT WRITES SUBSIDY MESSAGE

Hopes to Deliver It in Person at Joint Congress Session on Monday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Harding is rushing work on the ship subsidy message with the hope of delivering it in person at a joint session of Congress on Monday.

He worked on the message until a late hour last night, and conferred today with Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board on various points to be covered.

TAKING NO CHANCES ON THESE 2,200 CASES

They're Boose, and Cutter Watches 'Em So They Won't Get Lost. In the East River, at the foot of 24th Street, lies the Granville, an innocent-looking ocean-going tug as one may see in the seven seas, taking on coal. Nearby lies the Coast Guard cutter Gresham, seemingly as bland as a fisherman's dory in Manhattan Bay on a placid Sunday—just waiting, but watchful.

The Granville, which is under British registry and in command of Capt. H. M. Trohom, an American, has aboard 2,200 cases of whiskey, loaded at Portland, Me., and consigned to Nuevitas, Cuba. She will, it is understood, follow inland waterways as much as possible on her journey, which the customs officials have described as "lawful, legal and legitimate," but since her departure from Portland she has been followed by cutters.

The Acushnet conveyed her to New London and there was relieved by the Gresham. Another, it is said, will convey her on the next leg of her trip, probably, since her mission is legitimate, to protect her from persons living along the coast who can see water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink.

CHAMPION CHECKER PLAYER AND FLOCK OF MIDGETS HERE.

The Aquitania of the Cunard Line arrived today after an unusually stormy passage in which many ports were broken and the spray rose to the boat deck.

Among the passengers were N. W. Paine, United States champion checker player, and seven midgets who are to join a circus. Two of them are so midgety that they can be bootlegged in a suit case.

Most Remarkable Criminal of Modern Times Refuses to Confess, but Shuns Word "Innocent"—All Over in Twenty Seconds.

VERSAILLES, Feb. 25 (Associated Press).—Henri Desire Landru, "Bluebeard of Gambais," convicted of the murder of ten women and one youth, gave his life this morning in exchange for the eleven he had taken. The triangular knife of the guillotine fell at 6:05 o'clock, twenty-five minutes after the time originally set for the execution, the delay causing many to express the erroneous opinion that Landru was making a confession.

Mysterious until death, Landru resented Father Laisieres' query as to whether he had any confession to make.

"It is an insult to a man like me," was his reply. "Had I any confession to make I would have made it long ago," but never did he utter the word "innocent," as he had failed to utter it during his thirty-four months of imprisonment and the twenty-one days of his trial.

The slayer refused the sacrament, but conversed a few moments with the priest. "I shall be brave, never fear," he told him.

Although the plans for the execution had been kept in the utmost secrecy, crowds began to gather about the old Versailles jail a little after midnight. The clatter of cavalry horses along Georges Clemenceau Street, in which the execution took place, was plainly audible in Landru's cell, and when he awoke he heard the sound of hammers as the workmen erected the "timbers of justice" by the flickering light of two square, old-fashioned candle lanterns.

The guillotine was erected only a few feet from the main entrance of the jail. At 6 o'clock the doors of the prison opened slowly, revealing in the courtyard the Procurator General, the Warden of the prison and Landru's two lawyers, M. More-Giffart and M. Dutreuil.

Then Landru himself appeared, clad in dark trousers and white shirt. His beard, which was one of his most striking characteristics, and which had become familiar to thousands of Parisians, was shaved.

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FOUR IN THUG BAND OF TEN CONFESS KILLING DRUGGIST IN HOLD-UP IN BROOKLYN

THUGS SHOOT MAN AND STEAL \$1,500 BROOKLYN PAYROLL

Meter Company Official and Guard Held Up in Bush Building Hallway.

John F. Smith, Vice President and General Manager of the Superior Meter Company, was shot in the abdomen and probably mortally wounded at 11 o'clock this morning by one of three thugs who held him up and robbed him of \$1,500, the week's payroll, in the lower hallway of Bush Building No. 2, at No. 254 36th Street, Brooklyn, as he was about to go to his office on the fourth floor.

The thugs had a motor car waiting almost directly across the street from the doorway of the building and into this they hurried and drove off, escaping pursuit. Mr. Smith was taken to Norwegian Hospital.

Before going to the hospital he wrote a check for \$1,500, which was cashed to pay off his employees.

He and Peter McNaney, Chief Engineer of the company, had gone to the Mechanics' Bank at Third Avenue and 51st Street, for the money, and afterward alighted from a Third Avenue trolley car for the short walk to the Bush Building. As they were about to enter the doorway the three thugs confronted them and ordered both into the hallway. Two of the men backed Smith toward the elevator, which chanced to be aloft, and the third covered McNaney.

When the demand was made for the money, which Smith had in an envelope under his arm, he refused to give it up, whereupon one of the thugs, without another word, shot him in the abdomen. Then the money was grabbed and all three fled from the building.

Hervey De Lorme, bookkeeper for the company, heard the shot and looked out of the window. He saw a crowd gathering across the street and determined to go downstairs to investigate.

When he reached the hall door he found Smith about to enter. Apparently he had walked up the stairs. In reply to De Lorme's inquiry as to what had happened, Smith replied "A slight accident, that's all." Then he sat down and added, "They've taken the pay roll from me."

De Lorme helped Smith out of his overcoat and saw at once that he was wounded. He immediately called for an ambulance and Smith was taken away.

The police received a good description of the thugs and the automobile they used from John De Tiro, twelve, and Tony Romano, nine, both of No. 150 29th Street, Brooklyn. They saw the hold-up from the opposite side of the street and saw the man who held the revolver was very nervous. When the thugs entered their car the boys started to follow as it moved away. The one who did the shooting turned his revolver toward them and they hurried into a nearby doorway.

Robert Mundie, twenty, a Negro of No. 68 West 134th Street, was arrested today by Detectives Butler and Cacha of the West 134th Street Station. He was identified by Alfred Widrick, Chester Schwartz and Arthur Krauss, milk wagon drivers, as the man who held up each of them while making collections. The hold-up occurred this month in the hallway of tenement houses in Harlem.

Admit the Slaying of Gilman Thursday Night and Highway Robberies, in Many Parts of City.

Describe How Druggist Was Shot When He Grappled for Revolver, Police Say—Fled in Panic Without Booty.

Recognized Leader, Who Is Ill, Says He Is Not Worrying About Electric Chair—Diamond Pin Recovered.

Detective William Brosnan, watching the persons entering the Orpheum Theatre, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon, observed that Philip Santano of No. 111 Prince Street, Brooklyn, member of a group of loose living young men who have been regarded with suspicion by the police for months, was wearing a gaudy diamond pin, which was new to his make-up.

Brosnan knew enough of the young man's habits to be sure the money to buy such a pin had not been earned by him recently, and telephoned to Headquarters for help in trailing him.

As a result of his action there were arrested and arraigned to-day ten young men of Santano's sort, including four men, according to the police, confessed murdering Paul J. Gilman in his drug store, No. 162 Court Street, Thursday night. The others are charged with numerous highway robberies and store hold-ups in Manhattan and Brooklyn, in which, according to the police, they have implicated each other in their statements.

Brosnan, having transferred his watch of Santano to Detective Kenna, Brickley, Cassidy and Carney, hurried to Headquarters and looked through a list of descriptions of jewelry recently reported stolen. Within a minute or two he found an accurate description of Santano's new pin as having been taken by a band of robbers from Dr. de la Haydes, in Gaiside's drug store, at No. 325 Broadway, Wednesday evening, by four youths who had stolen the pin with drawn revolvers. Dr. de la Haydes was invited to be at Brooklyn Headquarters last night. Word was sent to Kenna and the rest to bring in Santano and any with whom he might be connected.

By 8 o'clock last night they had Santano at Headquarters, and with him Peter Puzyn of No. 229 High Street, Frank Lentino of No. 203 Hudson Avenue, Thomas McLaughlin of No. 810 De Kalb Avenue, Pelegrino Mucci of No. 209 Nassau Street and Alexander Barwick of No. 315 Gold Street. They were all members of a band which was familiar to the police as likely to be found in all-night billiard rooms or drinking bootleg whiskey and entertaining noisy and flashy young women.

Dr. de la Haydes at once picked out Lentino as one of the robbers of the drug store and one or two of the others. The detectives talked to them persuasively and from them got the names of William and Frank Evans, brothers, of No. 24 Fort Greene Place, John Keogh of No. 216 Goerck Street, and Stephen Collins of No. 123 Gold Street. Santano said Lentino had given the pin to him.

It was from these four that the detectives reported they got the story of the murder of Druggist Gilman. As the police tell the story, the Evans brothers and Keogh went into the drug store, leaving Collins on watch outside. All four had been drinking whiskey.

William Evans went to Gilman, who was alone behind the prescription counter, thrust a revolver at his side